

REMARKS

Claims 43-102 are pending with claims 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 64, 69, 74, 79, 83, 87, 91, 95 and 99 being independent. The independent claims have been amended to recite that "switching is carried out with long axes of liquid crystal molecules kept parallel with a surface of the first substrate," as set forth in the application at, for example, page 2, lines 1-2. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 43-102 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Funada (JP 53-048542). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Funada does not describe or suggest arrangements in which "switching is carried out with long axes of liquid crystal molecules kept parallel with a surface of the first substrate," as recited in each of the independent claims. Rather, as shown in Figs. 2 and 6 of Funada, long axes of Funada's liquid crystal (2) are not kept parallel when switching. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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